Oct 10th

Charles City

My dear Ernest.

I never knew how lovely the Autumn was before I almost feel as if I could say I never saw the beauty of it until now, certainly never in such perfection. I feel as if I was soaked through & through with the glory of it. That ride up the river yesterday morning must be stored up among my most precious memories. Here the frost has been so cruel & killing that the foliage was cut just like the flowers & has had no time to fade but just shrivel fall

Sh'l there are some
beautiful groups of trees
but they do not compare
with the rise because
all the green is gone.
I am fearfully sleepy which
perhaps is a sign the air
is doing me good. I feel
good for nothing, which
shows me the season
things went so hard at
home. but I mean to
come home strong & happy
to do you all good.
It seemed very hard
to have you go off & leave
me at the Depot & worst
of all the guilty feeling
of selfishness which has
not left me yet.
I hope Mamma keeps
better, if not try going
back to the farm.
Did you & the Capt
enjoy Hamlet? I hope
the little woman keeps
her wits about her. I think
it will do them both
good to be thrown on their
own responsibility a little.
Tyler is full of interest
in the Diagonal road.
He said it was a bitter
disappointment your
not coming, as there were
so many things he wanted
to talk to you about.
Miss Case of Charles City
met Tyler at Mrs McMullans
wedding in Washington
where he distinguished

himself by playing the "Wedding March" & sent lots of messages to the Baileys.

Monday morning Went to church twice & heard Mr Doyt preach. They have a very fair preacher. Tyler goes to the docks tomorrow not the stage he is sick abed that night. It is full of interest in Phillies Bed room. The family seems so small compared with last summer.

The weather is perfect I cannot close with kindest love to Mama & all Be sure to keep me posted in regard to her health. Your loving wife

Carrie Hall.